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MANILA FOR AMBASSADOR BYROADE

1. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN PAKISTAN REMAINS UNDER
GENERALLY TIGHT CONTROL. CURFEW HAS BEEN ENDED IN LAHORE
AND LIFTED FOR INCREASINGLY LONGER PERIODS IN KARACHI.
THE ARMY STILL REMAINS IN FIRM COMMAND IN THE THREE MARTIAL
LAW CITIES, AND WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY MAJOR CONFRONTATIONS
BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND OPPOSITION.

2. MOST OF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE LEADERS REMAIN AT
SIHALA REST HOUSE OUTSIDE ISLAMABAD AND ACTING PNA CHIEF
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PIR PAGAR O MET WITH THEM AGAIN TODAY. OPPOSITION PLANS FOR
A MASSIVE MARCH IN PINDI TOMORROW TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S
RESIDENCE SEEM TO HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO DRACONIAN GOVERNMENT
SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. PIR SAHIB IS SPEAKING ABOUT THE MARCH
IN MUCH MORE MODEST TERMS (LAST WEEK HE SAID TWO MILLION
PEOPLE WOULD BE QF THE PROCESSION, HE IS NOW SAYING IF THE
MARCH DOES NOT SUCCEED, THERE IS ALWAYS ANOTHER DAY). THE

PIR'S PLANNED PRESS CONFERENCE EVENING OF APRIL 28 WAS CANCELLED; WE ASSUME IN REACTION TO PM'S SPEECH. (PIR SAHIB'S REACTION TO BHUTTO'S CLAIM OF US SUPPORT FOR PNA COVERED SEPTEL.)

3. THE POLICE AND FFK ARE GOING TO SEARCH ALL HOTELS IN PINDI AND PICKING UP AND HOLDING PEOPLE THEY THINK MAY BE TNA SUPPORTERS. BUSES AND TRAINS INTO THE CAPITAL ARE BEING STOPPED AND SEARCHED FOR POTENTIAL MARCHERS, ALL PROCESSIONS HAVE BEEN BANNED IN THE CITY AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS EVEN STOPPED ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY LIMITS THROUGH SATURDAY EVENING. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS MIGHT INFILTRATE INTO THE CITY AND MARCH, WE THINK THE SECURITY FORCES WILL MOVE SWIFTLY TO BREAK IT UP.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CALLED FOR MASSIVE MARCHES AND PROCESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ON MAY DAY TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE PPP GOVERNMENT. WE ASSUME THAT NUMEROUS PPP DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE HELD AS THE PRIME MINISTER CONTINUES HIS EFFORTS TO SHOW THAT THE "SILENT MAJORITY" SUPPORTS HIM.

5. TOA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, HAVING HEARD THE PM DENOUNCE THE US, HAS RECESSED UNTIL MAY 4, PRESUMABLY TO ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY DAY PROCESSIONS. (THE SENATE REMAINS IN SESSION.) ONE OF ITS LEADING FORMER MEMBERS

ANTI-BHUTTO REBEL PUNJABI SENIOR POLITICIAN SHAUKAT HAYAT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS ARRESTED FROM HIS HOME IN ISLAMABAD AROUND MIDDAY TODAY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT CHARGES WERE PREFERRED AGAINST HIM. CONSTABLE

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